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sypher (sī'fər) *tr.v.* **phered**, **phering**, **phers**. To overlap and even (chanfered or beveled plant edges) so that they form a flush surface. [Variant of **CIPHER**.]

syph-ile (sī'fī-lē) *n.* A chronic infectious venereal disease caused by a spirochete, *Treponema pallidum*, transmitted by direct contact, usually in sexual intercourse, and progressing through three stages respectively characterized by local formation of chancres, ulcerous skin eruptions, and systemic infection leading to general paresis. [New Latin, after *Syphilis*, title character of a Latin poem (1530) by Girolamo Fracastoro, Venetian physician and poet and the supposed first victim of the disease.]

syph-iletic (sī'fī-lē-tīk) *adj.* Of pertaining to, or afflicted with syphilis. — *n.* A person afflicted with syphilis.

syph-ile-lod (sī'fī-lē-lōd) *adj.* Characteristic of syphilis. [*SYRINX* + *-lōd*.]

syph-ile-lod-gy (sī'fī-lē-lōd-jē) *n.* The sum of knowledge concerning the origin, nature, course, complications, and treatment of syphilis. [*SYRINX* + *-lōd-gy*.]

syph-ile-lod-ma (sī'fī-lē-lōd-mā) *n.* *pl.* **-mas** or **-mata** (mā-zā) *n.* A lesion formed in an advanced stage of syphilis; a gumma. [New Latin: *SYRINX* + *-oma*.] — *syph-ile-lod-ma-tous* *adj.*

sy-ph-an. Variant of **aphan**.
Syr. *Syriz*, *Syrizac*, *Syrian*.

Syr-a-cuse (sī'r-kyōz', -kyōz'). 1. A city of Italy on the southeastern coast of Sicily; in ancient times the leading Greek city of Sicily. Population, 189,000. 2. A city and manufacturing center of central New York State. Population, 193,000. [Greek *marsh*.] See *Syrac* in Appendix A.

Syr Dar'ya (sī'r dā'ryā). The river of the Soviet Union in Asia, west to the Aral Sea.

Syr-et-tie (sī'r-ē-tē). A trademark for a collapsible tube having an attached hypodermic needle constituting a single dose of medicine. [*SYRINX* + *-ETTES*.]

Syri-a (sī'r-ē-ā). *Arabic* El Sham (el shām). *Abb.* *Syr.* Or, *facially*, *Syrian* Arab Republic. 1. A country of southwestern Asia, occupying about 72,000 square miles on the eastern Mediterranean coast. Population, 5,865,000. Capital, Damascus. 2. An ancient country of western Asia that included present-day Syria, Lebanon, and the Palestine region.

Syri-ae (sī'r-ē-ā) *n.* *Abb.* *Syr.* An ancient Aryan language spoken in Syria from the 3rd to the 13th century A.D. and surviving as the liturgical language of several eastern Christian churches.

Syri-an (sī'r-ē-n) *adj.* *Abb.* *Syr.* Of or pertaining to Syria, its culture, or inhabitants. — *n.* 1. A native or inhabitant of Syria. 2. A member of a Christian church using the Syriac language.

Syrian Desert. An arid region in the northern Arabian Peninsula including parts of Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan.

sy-ri-n-ga (sī-rīn-jā) *n.* A shrub, the mock orange (*see*). [New Latin *Syringa*, "pipe" (from the use of its hollow stems to make pipes), from Greek *syrinx*.]

sy-ri-n-ga (sī-rīn-jā) *n.* 1. A medical instrument used to inject fluids into the body or draw them from it. 2. A hypodermic syringe (*see*). [Middle English *syrynge*, from Medieval Latin *syrinx*, from Greek *syrinx* (stem *syrin-*), *SYRINX*.]

sy-ri-n-ga-my-e-lia (sī-rīn-jā-mī-ē-lē-ā) *n.* A chronic disease of the spinal cord characterized by the presence of liquid-filled cavities and leading to spasticity and sensory disturbances. [New Latin: Greek *syrinx*, pipe, cavity (*see* *SYRINX*) + *myelos*, marrow, from *muos*, mouse, muscle (*see* *MI-*) in Appendix A.]

sy-ri-nx (sī-rīn-gks) *n.* *pl.* **sy-rin-ges** (sī-rīn-jēz) or **sy-rin-xes**. 1. Of thin, vibrating muscles at or close to the division of the trachea. [Latin, from Greek *syrinx*, shepherd's pipe, pampipe, *see* *SYRINX* in Appendix A.]

Sy-ri-s (sī-rīs, Greek sī'rōs'). Also **Syros**. A Greek Aegean island of the Cyclades group, 33 square miles in area.

sy-ri-phid (sī-rī-fīd) *n.* Any of numerous flies of the family Syrphidae, many of which have a form or coloration mimicking that of bees or wasps. — *adj.* Of or belonging to the Syrphidae. [New Latin *Syrphidae*, from Greek *syrphus*, gnat.]

Sy-ri-te Major. The ancient name for the Gulf of Sida. [From Greek *Syria*.]

Sy-ri-tin Minor. The ancient name for the Gulf of Gabes.

sy-ri-yp (sī-rī-yp, sī-rī-ē). Also **si-ri-yp**. 1. A thick, sweet, sticky liquid, consisting of a sugar base, natural or artificial flavoring, and water. 2. The juice of a fruit or plant boiled with sugar. [From Medieval Latin *siropus*, from Arabic *sharab*, beverage, *see* *SYRUP*, from *shariba*, to drink.] — *sy-ri-yp-ly* *adj.*

sy-sat-sat-sis (sī-sāt-sāt-sīs) *n.* The union of bones, as the

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hyoid bone and lower jaw, by muscle. [New Latin, from Greek *syssarkōtēs*, a being overgrown with flesh, from *syssarkōtōs*, to be also overgrown, and *sarkōtōs*, flesh, like *sarkōtōs*, passive of *sarkōtōs*, to grow fleshy, from *sars*, flesh + *see* *TEUK* in Appendix A.]

syss-tol-ic (sī-sīt-ōl-īk, sī-sīt-ōl-īk) *adj.* Alternately contracting and expanding, as the heart; pulsating. [Late Latin *syss-tol-ic*, from Greek *syss-tol-ic*, from *syss-tol-ic*, to draw together, contract: *syss*, together + *stol-ic*, to draw together, make compact (*see* *ST-* in Appendix A).]

syss-tem (sī-sīt-ēm) *n.* 1. A group of interacting, interrelated, or interdependent elements forming or regarded as forming a collective entity. 2. A functionally related group of elements, as: The human body, treated as a functional physiological unit. 3. A group of physiologically complementary organs or parts. 4. A group of interacting mechanical or electrical components. 5. A network of structures and channels, as for communications, travel, or distribution. 6. A structurally or anatomically related group of elements or parts. 7. A set of interrelated ideas, principles, rules, procedures, laws, or the like. 8. A social, economic, or political organizational form. 9. A naturally occurring group of phenomena. 10. A set of objects or phenomena grouped together for classification or analysis.

8. See Synonyms at method. [Late Latin *syss-tēma*, from Greek *syss-tēma*, a composite whole, from *syss-tēma*, to bring together, combine: *syss*, together + *hys-tēma*, to cause to stand (*see* *ST-* in Appendix A).]

syss-tem-atic (sī-sīt-ēm-ā-tīk) *adj.* Also **syss-tem-ati-cal** (-ī-kal). 1. Of, characterized by, based upon, or constituting a system. 2. Carried on in a step-by-step procedure. 3. Characterized by purposeful regularity; methodical. 4. Of or pertaining to classification or taxonomy. — *See* Synonyms at *orderly*. — *syss-tem-ati-cal-ly* *adv.*

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